Mount Auburn.

1885.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

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OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION FOR 1885.

Trustees.

CHARLES U. COTTING	*Term expires in*	1885.
DAVID R. WHITNEY	" "	1885.
ISRAEL M. SPELMAN	" "	1886.
JEROME JONES	" "	1886.
WILLIAM S. EATON	" "	1887.
ROGER WOLCOTT	" "	1887.
SAMUEL R. PAYSON	" "	1888.
T. QUINCY BROWNE	" "	1888.
HENRY A. RICE	" "	1889.
*ALANSON BIGELOW	" "	1889.
J. MONTGOMERY SEARS	" "	1890.
CHARLES F. CHOATE	" "	1890.

President.
ISRAEL M. SPELMAN.

Treasurer.
H B. MACKINTOSH.

Secretary.
L. G. FARMER.

Superintendent.
JAMES W. LOVERING.

Foreman.
C. McARTHUR.

Supt. of Interments.
EDWARD PATCHET.

Surveyor.
S. L. BROWN.

Gardener.
JOSEPH COLLINS.

Office of the Corporation.
16 PEMBERTON SQUARE,
BOSTON.

Office of the Superintendent.
AT THE CEMETERY,
P. O. ADDRESS, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Orders for work on lots may be given at either office, or sent by mail to Superintendent at the Cemetery.

* Deceased.

REPORT.

THE Trustees respectfully submit to the Proprietors their annual report for the year 1884.

The condition of the funds is satisfactory. The Permanent fund has increased by the addition of $7,936 80 to the sum of $249,360.41.

To the Repair fund has been added the sum of $34,075.20, and it now amounts to $417,801.41.

The General fund, consisting of cash and bills not yet collected, amounts to $34,479.40; giving assurance of sufficient means for further improvements, which are contemplated.

Among minor matters it may be noted that sixty-two new monuments have been erected, fifty-seven iron fences and five hedges removed, and 2,238 linear feet of gutters repaved. The hedges are gradually disappearing from the cemetery. Only beautiful while in their early vigor and at their prime, the severity of our winters is gradually thinning them out, and leaving gaps in their ranks which can never be satisfactorily replaced. They serve also to obstruct the open view of the grounds, and to keep lots so surrounded cleanly and in order requires constant inspection and supervision.

The green-houses are now in good order, and furnish ample supplies for summer use in the adornment of the grounds.

During the past season house No. 2 has been almost entirely rebuilt, and the sills and roofs of Nos. 4, 5, and 6 have been repaired and renewed.

Work for the improvement and development of the cemetery has been successfully prosecuted. It will be seen by the Treasurer's report that about $5,000 has been expended in grading from Pearl to Eagle avenues, on Ivy path, and in laying out and developing the Chant and Wattriss lots, so called, lying on the westerly side of the

cemetery. The Chant lot has been raised on an average from three to four feet, and in some places filled up to the depth of six feet. The whole of this lot is now available for cemetery purposes. One hundred and eighty-one lots are ready for sale, most of them in very desirable situations. In the new public lot on Vesper avenue two hundred graves are ready for use. In thus preparing the Chant lot much material has been taken from the Wattriss lot, where a new avenue and paths have been commenced. At the present rate of progress, not many years will elapse before the whole of this territory will be properly graded and laid out. There is no reason to doubt that this section of the grounds will be as desirable as the Stone farm territory. The landscape lawn system, which has been so successful on the Stone farm, has been adopted by the Trustees for both the Chant and Wattriss lots.

During the past year we have been called upon to mourn the loss of one of our associates, Mr. Alanson Bigelow. The following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Trustees and transmitted to the family of the deceased, fully express their opinion of the value of his services and their respect for his memory: —

Resolved, That we desire to enter upon our records our appreciation of the work and services of our late associate, Mr. Alanson Bigelow. Always judicious, prompt, and efficient in the performance of duty, he had endeared himself to our hearts during his term of seven years' service on our Board by his uniform courtesy of manners, and consideration for the opinions and feelings of others.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the loss we have sustained, and tender to his wife and family our respectful sympathy in their great bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented by the secretary to Mrs. Bigelow, and the family of the deceased.

The Finance Committee have experienced difficulty during the past years in making investments for the Repair fund. On one occasion they were obliged to decline a first-class mortgage in the city of Cambridge, because not allowed by Article VIII. of the By-Laws. To give them a larger discretion, it is proposed to amend the third clause of this article; and notice of this intention, it will be seen, is given in the call for the annual meeting. The clause now reads: —

"All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the 'Repair Fund,' and shall be invested in some public stock of this State or of the National Government, or in the stock of some bank or banks of this State, or in notes secured by a sufficient collateral pledge of stocks in this State, or mortgage on real estate in Boston."

And it is proposed to amend by adding after the words "invested in" the words: —

"The public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city in Massachusetts, or in first mortgage bonds, or debenture bonds of railroads not mortgaged, of any railroad company incorporated under the authority of this Commonwealth, which has earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment."

So that this clause of the amended By-Law will read: —

"All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the 'Repair Fund,' and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city in Massachusetts, or in first mortgage bonds, or debenture bonds of railroads not mortgaged, of any railroad company incorporated under the authority of this Commonwealth, which has earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment."

Your sanction to this amendment is asked for.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN,
President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn:—

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending Dec. 31, 1884.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts	56
" old lots improved by being graded and sodded	67
" old lots bounded with granite posts	19
" lots enclosed with granite	6
" lot enclosed with iron fence	1
" lots furnished with granite or iron numbers	167
" tomb removed	1
" headstones erected	308
" monuments erected	62
" linear feet of gutters paved	2,238
" iron fences removed	57
" hedges removed	5

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last Report		24,333
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1884	505	
" removals from other cemeteries	40	
Total number of interments for the year		545
" " " in cemetery		24,878
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb	26	
" " " " interments in public lots	41	

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:—

To public lots	12	
To private lots	45	
Total removals within the cemetery		57
" " from the cemetery		38
Total number of removals		95

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVERING,
Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

MOUNT AUBURN, Dec. 31, 1884.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year			$19,114.88
He has received from sundry parties, —			
For sale of lots	$19,830.70		
" deposits in receiving-tomb	667.00		
		$20,497.70	
For deeds, transfers, etc.		186.00	
" labor and material on lots		49,628.85	
Interest on Loan		300.00	
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, for income on permanent fund		8,000.00	
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for one quarter part of expenditures, as follows: —			
Grading Eagle and Birch avenues	$1,640.62		
" Ivy path	238.00		
" Vesper avenue (Chant lot)	3,064.25		
One quarter of	$4,942.87	1,235.72	
			79,848.27
			$98,963.15

FOR THE 53D YEAR, 1884.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties, —			
For labor (pay roll)	$35,289.16		
" materials	13,534.00		
" repairs of buildings and fences	1,645.05		
		$50,468.21	
For expenses, — salaries		6,750.00	
" office expenses		2,586.15	
" taxes on real estate		685.44	
" insurance		30.00	
" loan		15,000.00	
To amount paid Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales		4,757.92	
To amount paid Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for permanent fund		6,344.32	
To graves purchased	$30.00		
" new receiving-tomb drawback	36.00		
		66.00	
			$ 86,688.04
Balance in hands of the Treasurer			12,275.11
			$98,963.15

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last report		$4,116.21
He has received, —		
From notes receivable	$28,050.00	
" endowments	28,758,00	
" income of investments	21,527.88	
		78,335.88
		$82,452.09
He has paid for said account, —		
For care and improvement of lots	$16,210.68	
" notes receivable	23,500.00	
		$39,710.68
Balance in hands of Treasurer		42,741.41
		$82,452.09

REPAIR FUND.

PROPERTY.

Endowments for perpetual repair of lots, as per last report	$383,726.21	
Additions during the year	34,075.20	
		$417,801 41
Invested as follows, —		
Notes receivable, secured by mortgage	$357,250.00	
$10,000 Boston City Bonds	9,710.00	
30 shares Atlas National Bank, cost	2,970.00	
20 shares Atlantic National Bank, cost	2,700.00	
20 shares Shawmut Bank, cost	2,430.00	
		$375,060.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer		42,741.41
		$417,801.41

GENERAL FUND.

CASH ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer		$12,275.11
Loan		15,000.00
Bills for labor and material uncollected	$11,065.69	
Less due sundry parties for labor and material	3,861.40	
		7,204.29
		$34,479.40

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, as per last report		$241,423.61
Deposited in December, 1884	$6,344.32	
Interest	1,592.48	
		7,936.80
		$249,360.41

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, chapel and statuary, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway, and other structures; reception-house, and 5,626 feet of land on Mount Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, green-houses, and 64,176 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1885.

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The certificates of stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements of his accounts.

In the general account there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $12,275.11, and in the fund for repairs, $42,741.41.

T. QUINCY BROWNE,
HENRY A. RICE, } *Committee on Finance.*

BOSTON, Jan. 10, 1885.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Art. VIII. of the By-Laws as follows: —

Donation in Trust. — "The Trustees may receive in trust from a Proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided."

Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty. — "The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.

"All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the 'Repair Fund,' and shall be invested in some public stock of this State, or of the National Government, or in the stock of some bank or banks of this State, or in notes secured by a sufficient collateral pledge of stocks in this State, or mortgage on real estate in Boston. [See pages 6 and 7, Annual Report.]

"Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole repair fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

Reconveyance in Trust. — "A Proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and

such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* FOREVER that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report, which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including resodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone, as shown in Superintendent's report.

If any monument or headstones are added subsequent to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation, *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given herewith.

J. W. LOVERING,
Superintendent.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR "PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY," OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. on the way called in said cemetery.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING "RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO CORPORATION, IN TRUST."

[*Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.*]

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. , in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract of Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial-place for myself and the following persons:

and no other interments to be allowed.

LAWS AND RESOLVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1883.

[CHAP. 262.]

(AN ACT GIVING TO A WIFE THE RIGHT OF INTERMENT IN A BURIAL LOT OR TOMB OWNED BY HER HUSBAND.)

Be it enacted, etc., as follows: —

SECT. 1. A wife shall be entitled to a right of interment for her own body in any burial lot or tomb of which her husband was seized at any time during coverture, and such right shall be exempt from the laws of conveyance, descent, and devise; provided, such right may be released by her in the manner in which she may release her dower.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved June* 28, 1883.]

PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS,

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES

FOR 1885.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING.
100 square feet.	$1.50	$1.00
200 " "	2.00	1.50
300 " "	3.00	2.00
400 " "	4.00	2.50
500 " "	5.00	3.00
600 " "	6.00	3.50
700 " "	7.00	4.00
800 " "	8.00	4.50

Larger lots at special rates.

Lots containing fractional parts of 100 feet will be charged the rate of the nearest 100 feet.

Proprietors will find blank order below, which they can fill and mail to Superintendent, Cambridge. ☞ *Erase what is not wanted.*

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on Lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally or by letter, at Superintendent's office, Cambridge. Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal

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To the Superintendent of Mount Auburn Cemetery,

Cambridge, Mass.

Please take care of my lot No. ....., *this year,*

and put in ..... *plants, and top-dress,*

Sending bill to

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Address,.....

..... 1885.

Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation, 16 Pemberton Square,

BOSTON, Jan. 22, 1885.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the Horticultural Hall, Tremont Street, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 2, at 3½ o'clock P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees, consider the Amendment of the third clause of Article VIII. of the By-Laws, as proposed in the Annual Report of the Trustees, and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

L. G. FARMER, Secretary.